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The Netherlands hopes to enforce Islamic veil ban next year

THE HAGUE (AFP) - The Netherlands hopes to introduce a ban on the wearing of the full Islamic veil early next year, the interior ministry said yesterday.

"We hope that the ban on wearing face-restrictive clothing will come into force at the start of 2013," spokeswoman Vera Hoogendoorn told AFP. "Everything depends on the speed with which the law is passed in the upper and lower chambers of parliament."

Deputy Prime Minister and Economy Minister Maxime Verhagen said yesterday the proposal would be put to vote at the bicameral parliament after being cleared by the State Council, the highest administrative court. The court however urged the government to "buttress the utility and neces-

sity of the proposal."

The centre-right government had on September 16 agreed to a ban on the burqa under a deal with the far-right party of anti-immigration MP Geert Wilders.

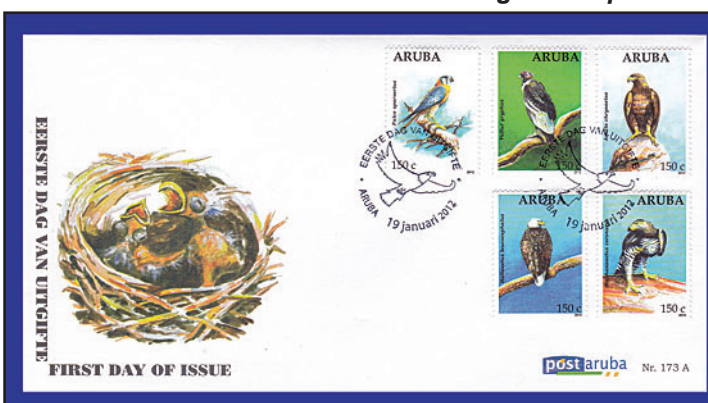
Wilders' Party for Freedom gives parliamentary support to a right-leaning, minority coalition, in exchange for a say in policy making.

The proposal aims to ban the Islamic veil, the burqa -- an enveloping outer garment used by some Muslim women to cover their bodies in public places -- as well as face-covering hoods in public places, educational institutions, health facilities and on public transport. It calls for a 390-euro (\$513) fine for non-compliance.

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Status Aparte, from last year, and for 2012, a stamp by artist Rudberth Wolffe commemorating this year's Summer Olympic Games. The individual stamps combine into a unified piece comprised of 4 stamps, which can only be obtained as a first day issue; this will come out on April 5.

Over the year there will be 10 special ensembles with a variety of island themes, the first two dedicated to local fauna. "Eagles" by noted artists Elvis Tromp, were issued on January 19; their value is 10 Aruban florins (\$5.57) per stamp. The next issue, by Edith van der Waal, which will be on February 21, has the theme of "Goats."

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Aruban women with P.I.P implants urged to do a checkup



ORANJESTAD -- The French PIP brand of implants is the current topic in the world of beauty esthetics and in the medical field. And, Aruba has decided to adapt the same policy as that of the Netherlands.

After studying the Dutch policy with respect to this matter, Aruba is in complete agreement with their policy and has decided to follow suit. The Aruban policy is in colabortion with the AZV, the Department of Public Health and the plastic surgeons, and the Ministry of Public Health of Aruba.

The approach of the Minister of Public Health is, that they will offer support to those women, who to no fault of their own, have become victim of the situation. Those women who want to be compensated for control and extraction, must show that their implant bears the PIP brand. The responsibility lies with those who have the implants. If there is medical indication for an in-

tervention and if the intervention is such that medical professionals are already doing such a practice legally, and the law does not prohibit said medical intervention explicitly, in that case the cost for said intervention will be covered by AZV regardless of the reason for the intervention.

Hence, all women with the PIP implants should have their implants checked, whether through the use of an xray or an MRI scan. If there is no complaints (pain) there may be no need for an immediate intervention. However, if there is any discomfort (pain) it is advisable to have a checkup as soon as possible. AZV will cover the cost of the diagnostic control, providing the implant bearer is a member of the AZV program. If after the medical control the implant is to be removed, AZV will cover the cost of removing the PIP implant.

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DIGICEL campaign continues in full force



Digicel's "Gratis pa un y tur" (Free for one and all) has captured the attention of everyone ever since the start of their very innovative promotional campaign

Promotors of their campaign can be seen at various points on the island handing out flyers of the "Free for one and all." The Digicel campaign entails that customers must send 5 SMS to any number and receive his SMS's for the remainder of the same day absolutely free up to a maximum of 100 SMS's. This service is valid only for Digicel to Digicel connections. This cam-

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Aruba's Jonathan Viera attends 69th Golden Globe Award Ceremony



The Aruban executive producer of the Aruba International Film Festival, Jonathan Viera, recently attended the prestigious Golden Globe

Last year in the second edition of the Festival, HFPA presented the Festival with an official certificate for the many accolades they re-

ceived from the artists as well as for the films invited by Claudio Masenza, Artistic Director of the Festival. According to Jonathan Viera, after having witnessed many great events thus far, the Golden Globe was the most impressive of them all! Viera recounts that there were more than 1300 invitees in the ball room where the ceremony was held. This number included actors, directors and specially invited guests. During the ceremony there were several features taking place simultaneously, such as fantastic scenery and an ongoing production being transmitted to more than 250 countries during the 3 to 4 hours of the Golden Globe event.

Jonathan Viera was privileged to meet several artists. He was delighted to make the acquaintance of one of his favorite artists, Jon Voight. Jon Voight is the father of Angelina Jolie. On his own merits, Voight is himself a legend in the movie community. Viera seized this tremendous opportunity to promote the agenda of the Aruba Film Festival. Viera was especially delighted to see the very same press people who come to Aruba to cover the Aruba Film Festivals. For him it was a time of reconnecting with various people and especially with the HFPA organization. Aruba can be proud of our own sons spreading the good news of Aruba wherever they go!

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Van der Sloot health deteriorating in new prison

Apparently Joran van der Sloot's new digs aren't as appealing as his stay at the Castro Castro prison. Several websites are quoting "insiders" who say the convicted murderer's health is deteriorating at the high security Piedras Gordas facility North of Lima.

The Dutchman was moved there recently after his conviction and 28 year sentence for killing Stephany Flores. He confessed he killed the 21 year old student after she found material about Natalee Holloway on his laptop in his hotel room.

An "insider" comments: 'His health has suffered and he is not doing well there. Joran blames the food and the water, he says that he is depressed and feeling weak all the time.'

This is in apparent contrast to what critics, including the dead girl's family, called his "royal treatment" at the Castro Castro prison where he spent a year and a half after Flores corpse was found in his Lima hotel room.

His new prison is a maximum security lockup but there may be an even harsher prison in his future. Van der Sloot has expressed concern he could be transferred to the notorious Challapalca Prison, in Tacna, southern Peru.

And whenever the end of his stay in Peruvian prisons comes, the U.S. Attorney here in Birmingham is waiting to try him on extortion and wire fraud charges. The feds say van der Sloot took money from the Holloway family after promising to tell them where to find Natalee's body. He never came up with the information but apparently used the money to travel to Peru where he met Stephany Flores at a poker tournament.

Aruban women with P.I.P implants urged to do a checkup

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Obviously, there are certain conditions which also includes the size of the expense. For starters only implants bearing the PIP brand implanted before 2011 will be covered by AZV. The bearer of the implants is responsible to prove that the implants are the PIP brand. This proof must be presented on an official original document indicating sufficient information of the product, along with proof of the treat-

ment received.

The patient must show a medical declaration from the doctor who administered the procedure and the date when this was done. The AZV has stipulated a price for the procedure of removing an implant, which is what the AZV will pay the doctor for this procedure.

For women who have chosen to cover the expenses themselves, that is, to remove an implant that was not nec-

essary, the cost for such a procedure will be for their own account. The government assumes no responsibility, or very minimally, if a product results in being inferior or no good. The client will be personally responsible to decide whether they want to purchase another implant product.

The cost of a new implant will be for the account of the person requesting this. Only in the event that AZV gave

permission for such an implant in the past, will they cover the cost of a new implant.

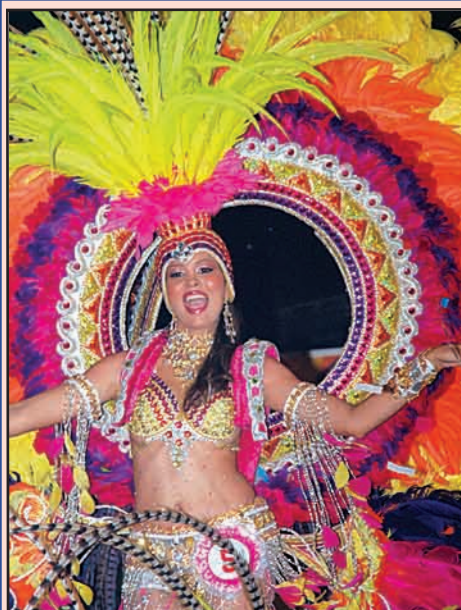
In the event a client who has opted to do this procedure internationally, is unable to return to work for a lengthy period of time, AZV will not cover those days not worked. The diagnostic control must be done by order of the house doctor or a medical specialist. To consult a medical specialist, a reference let-

ter from the house doctor will be required. An MRI done outside of Aruba will not be compensated by AZV.

To date, we are not sure how many of the PIP implants are affected, hence women are advised, especially if symptoms are present, to go to their house doctor the soonest possible.

In any event, it is advisable to do yearly checks to ensure that everything is fine.

THE MORNING NEWS photo contest deadline extended by popular demand



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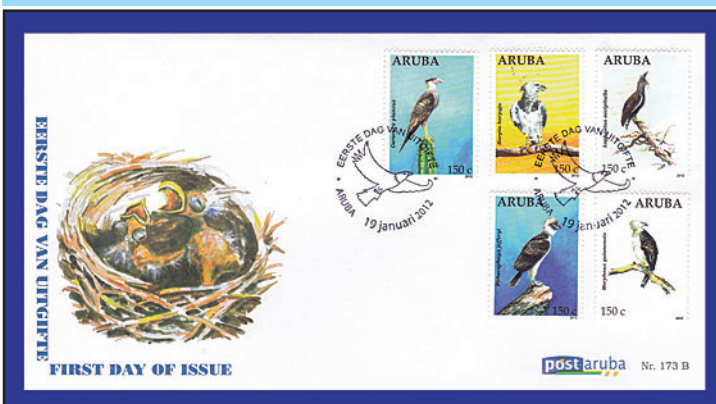
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By Rosalie Klein

Club Kibrahacha 60+ keeps moving, now with 60+ Yoga

Club Kibrahacha 60+ continues encouraging all 60+ to keep exercising and live a healthy and active life. The club is open for all its members with various activities, Monday to Friday, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

On Mondays, the club offers 'Dancefit' and on Wednesday, "Chi cu Cha", both activities under the guidance of Romulo Fingal. The club also has a daily exercise session under the guidance of activity leader Mrs. Femmie Fingal

Club Kibrahacha announces that it is offering other new activities for all its members to enjoy together, which contribute to living a long, healthy life. As of January 26, the club started yoga classes. The classes are on Thursdays, from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. in the gymnasium. The classes are under the guidance of Mrs. Anouscka van der Kuyp. Classes are free for all 60+ who are members of Club Kibrahacha 60+

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Deal struck for liner passengers, oil pumping delayed

GIGLIO ISLAND (AFP) - Some 3,000 survivors of Italy's cruise ship disaster will receive a basic 11,000 euros each plus expenses, negotiators announced yesterday two weeks after the accident which is feared to have killed up to 32 people.

Navy divers blew new holes in the side of the beached vessel to search previously unexplored parts of the ship for missing people, though officials said there was now no chance of finding survivors. The known death toll is 16, with another 16 people still missing.

While relatives of those lost waited for news of their loved ones, Dutch company Smit Salvage prepared to pump 2,380 tons of fuel out of the vessel.

Smit and Italian company Neri attached valves to six of the Costa Concordia's 23 fuel tanks in a first phase to syphon

off around 50 percent of the ship's oil, amid fears that a spill would be environmentally disastrous.

Salvage workers will carry out a so-called "hot-tapping" operation, which involves pumping the fuel out and replacing it with water so as not to affect the ship's balance and stop it from slipping into the open sea.

Despite earlier reports that the operation could be brought forward, the head of Italy's civil protection agency, Franco Gabrielli, said yesterday that it may be delayed until Sunday. The whole process is expected to take weeks.

Tuscany's environmental agency (ARPAT) said white strands seen floating in the sea were no cause for environmental alarm and were likely to be fibres from the ship's sofas. Tests would be performed to confirm the hypothesis, it said.

Guatemala ex-dictator faces genocide charges

GUATEMALA CITY (AFP) - Former Guatemalan dictator Efraim Rios Montt was under house arrest yesterday awaiting possible trial on charges of genocide during his 1982-83 military government.

A ruling Thursday by Guatemalan judge Patricia Flores opened the way for the prosecution of the 85-year-old former general, the first Guatemalan military leader to face genocide charges stemming from a bloody 36-year civil war.

During Rios Montt's rule, 1,771 Maya Indians, including women and children, were killed in series of counterinsurgency campaigns that destroyed 54 communities and

displaced an estimated 29,000 people.

"These crimes are horrendous and it has been established that within the military structure you were in the chain of command," Flores told Rios Montt, ruling that the prosecution's case against him for genocide and crimes against humanity could go forward.

The prosecution alleges that during Rios Montt's regime at least 72 crimes were committed, including 11 massacres, which decimated the Ixil Maya ethnic group.

The judge's ruling came 12 days after he lost immunity from prosecution that he enjoyed as a member of the Congress.

Hopes dim for survivors in Rio high-rise collapse

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - Rescue teams intensified search efforts yesterday as hopes dimmed for finding survivors of the collapse of three high-rise buildings in central Rio that killed at least 11 and left an estimated 15 missing.

Rescue efforts have been under way since late Wednesday when the three office buildings -- of 20, 10, and four stories -- collapsed near the municipal theater on the city's Cinelandia square, a historic district bustling by day but nearly deserted at night.

Officials said hopes were fading of finding survivors as the death toll rose to 11, with the discovery of seven bodies yesterday.

Late Thursday, Rio de Janeiro Mayor Eduardo Paes said the death toll stood at four with 22 missing.

Authorities expect the search to end sometime between last night and this morning "to minimize the suffering of families (of the victims)," said Colonel Ronaldo Alcantara, of the Rio fire department.

"I would love to be wrong, but there is little chance" of finding survivors, said Sergio Simoes, the secretary for civil defense.

Twelve of the missing were believed to be in a classroom on the sixth floor of the 20-story Liberdade building where a computer firm was

giving a training course when the edifice crashed down.

A dense cloud of smoke hung over the rubble from a fire that was still burning, beyond the reach of firefighters, according Alcantara.

Some 390 people took part in the rescue effort, including a contingent that was sent to Haiti during the devastating earthquake there two years ago.

The disaster could have been far more deadly if it had happened during the day, and it raised fresh questions about Brazil's preparations to host the 2014 football World Cup and 2016 Summer Olympic Games.

US blocks some orange juice imports due to fungicide

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US authorities yesterday detained nine shipments of orange juice from Brazil and Canada after their contents tested positive for an illegal fungicide.

The Food and Drug Administration said the orange juice tested positive for carbendazim, a pesticide that is not legal for use on oranges in the United

States but is approved in Brazil and some other countries.

The FDA is testing samples of orange juice shipments from all countries and manufacturers that send such products to the United States after discovering the contamination earlier this month.

The regulatory agency said the pesticide was detected at

10 parts per billion or more in 11 shipments, two of which the firms decided not to import into the United States.

The Environmental Protection Agency did a preliminary risk assessment and concluded that consuming orange juice with carbendazim at low levels "does not raise safety concerns."

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Health & Living

US health system under microscope at Sundance

PARK CITY (AFP) - The ailing US healthcare system comes under the microscope in a documentary at the Sundance film festival that tries to diagnose what is wrong -- and suggests a cure.

"Escape Fire: The Fight to Rescue American Healthcare" presents a picture of a sick, money-driven system, but argues that there is a way to re-orient it towards patients while driving down costs.

The documentary, which is reminiscent of activist Michael Moore's 2007 movie "Sicko," is in competition at the independent film festival drawing to a close this weekend in the ski resort of Park City, Utah.

"Many people feel frustrated by the healthcare that they receive now, but they don't really understand what is wrong and how it's broken," Susan Froemke, co-director with Matthew Heineman, told AFP.

"We have a disease management system, not a healthcare system," she added, saying the film aims to show the American people "that we have to find a new way to deliver medicine."

The cost of health insurance represents 20 percent of US GDP. Americans spend 300

billion dollars a year on medicine -- almost as much as the rest of the world combined -- but are among the least healthy in the developed world.

"Americans and Europeans took a different direction after World War II," cardiologist Steven Nissen, who features in the film, told AFP, calling the US system "profit driven, instead of health driven."

The film argues that the system encourages doctors to see as many patients in as little time as possible, leading to them over- or mis-prescribing drugs, rather than taking the time to properly evaluate patients.

The filmmakers sought out doctors, academics and others who want to develop a better way of treating patients.

They follow an injured and traumatized soldier returning from Afghanistan, who gradually manages to wean himself off of the 32 different drugs he had been prescribed, with the help of acupuncture.

They introduce Dean Ornish, a doctor known for his work on preventing cardiovascular disease by changing lifestyle and diet, in a country where 65 percent of the population is overweight.

The film also hears from the

head of the Safeway supermarket chain, which has kept health insurance costs down by offering financial incentives for workers to do more sport or eat more healthily.

But while solutions do exist, Nissen laments that drug companies are more powerful than ever, notably due to a law which has virtually done away with ceilings on election campaign donations.

"I predict that the assault on healthcare during the current election cycle will be like nothing any of us has ever seen," he said, referring to primary poll battles ahead of the presidential election in November.

"We lost the moral compass when medicine became about money as opposed to about care .. What's happening now is not sustainable. What's happening now is hurting many, many people."

Home remedies for Constipation in children

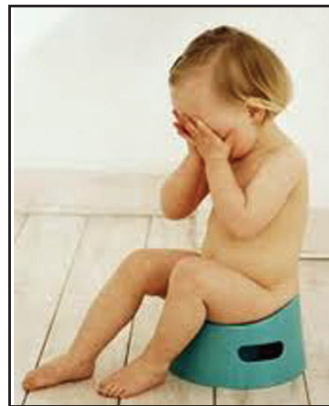
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***Adequate fluids.** Water and other fluids will help soften your child's stool. Be wary of offering your child too much milk, however. For some children, excess milk contributes to constipation.

***Adequate time for bowel movements.** Encourage your child to sit on the toilet for five to 10 minutes within 30 minutes of each meal. Follow the routine every day.

***Be supportive.** Reward your child's efforts, not results. Give children small rewards for trying to move their bowels. Possible rewards include stickers or a special book or game that's only available after (or possibly during) toilet time. And don't punish a child who has soiled his or her underwear.





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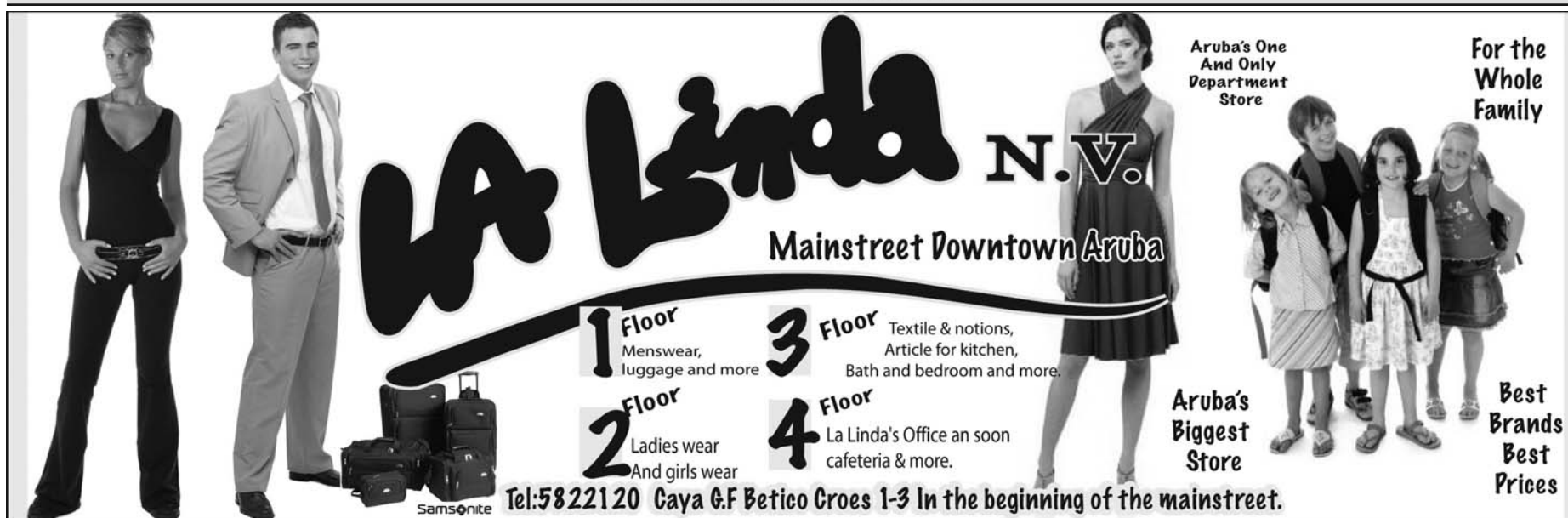
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West takes Internet freedom for granted: Google boss



Google boss Eric Schmidt, pictured here in 2011.

(AFP) - The Internet proved the only true form of free communication during the Arab Spring and yet the West has

come to take the freedom it confers for granted, Google boss Eric Schmidt said Friday.

In a stout defence of Internet freedoms at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Schmidt also said that rather than be seen as contributing to job losses, the web was a great opportunity for businesses to grow.

Schmidt told delegates he had just returned from a visit to Libya after the revolution that toppled Moamer Kadhafi, a trip which had underlined the value of the Internet in soci-

eties where phones are tapped and media is state-run.

"The thing I learnt most about the Arab Spring is that we take the Internet for granted here," said Schmidt, Google's executive chairman.

"When you live in country where censorship is the norm ... the Internet is your only communications mechanism."

The role of the Internet in the Arab Spring was memorably illustrated by Wael Ghonim, Google's head of marketing for the Middle East and North Africa, who administered the Facebook page that helped spark Egypt's revolution.

Schmidt said an uncensored Internet could ensure the new generation of Arab leaders does not repeat the same pattern of corruption of the old regimes.

He proposed it becomes mandatory for politicians running for office to disclose their assets on the Internet.

Schmidt, whose own firm employs some 30,000 people, also said the Internet should not be blamed for problems in the labour market, arguing that: "It's important not to fear technological innovation and revolution."

He said that governments had to address what he called "a huge labour shortage for highly educated people" in manufacturing.

"There are plenty of countries, (the) United States and other countries that I have visited, that are very short of skilled people," he said.

He said the web worked to the benefit of small business as "there's no better tool" to find customers, adding: "A reasonable expectation is that the access to the Internet will produce a very large number of smaller companies."

NASA's Kepler confirms 26 new planets

(AFP) - The US space agency said its Kepler space telescope mission has confirmed 26 new planets outside our solar system, all of them orbiting too close to their host stars to sustain life.

Scattered across 11 planetary systems, their temperatures would be too hot for survival, as they all circle their stars closer than Venus, the second planet from the Sun, which has a surface temperature of 464 Celsius (867 F).

But NASA scientists were still pleased with the findings, which nearly double the number of confirmed planets that Kepler has found since 2009.

"Prior to the Kepler mission, we knew of perhaps 500 exoplanets across the whole sky," said Doug Hudgins, Kepler program scientist at NASA headquarters.

"Now, in just two years staring at a patch of sky not much bigger than your fist, Kepler has discovered more than 60 planets and more than 2,300 planet candidates," he added.

The discoveries are described in four different papers in the Astrophysical Journal and the Monthly Notices of

the Royal Astronomical Society, NASA said in a statement.

Kepler is NASA's first mission in search of Earth-like planets orbiting stars similar to our Sun.

It launched in March 2009, equipped with the largest camera ever sent into space -- a 95-megapixel array of charge-coupled devices -- and is expected to continue its science operations until at least November 2012.

In December last year, NASA announced Kepler had confirmed its first-ever planet in a habitable zone outside our solar system, Kepler 22b, though it remained unclear whether the surface was rocky or gaseous.

Such planets have the right distance from their star to support water, plus a suitable temperature and atmosphere to support life.

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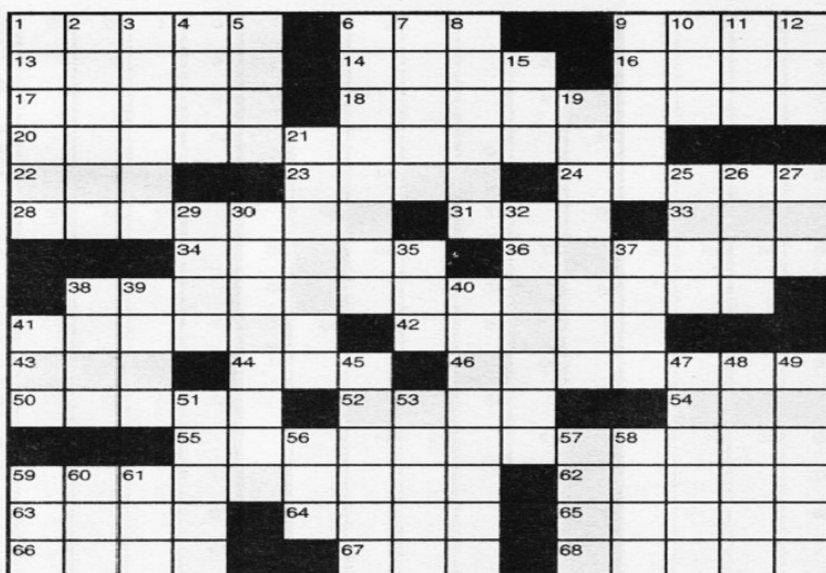
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21. Complete suit of armor
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27. Alejandro or Fernando
29. DOS overseas employees
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35. Denouement
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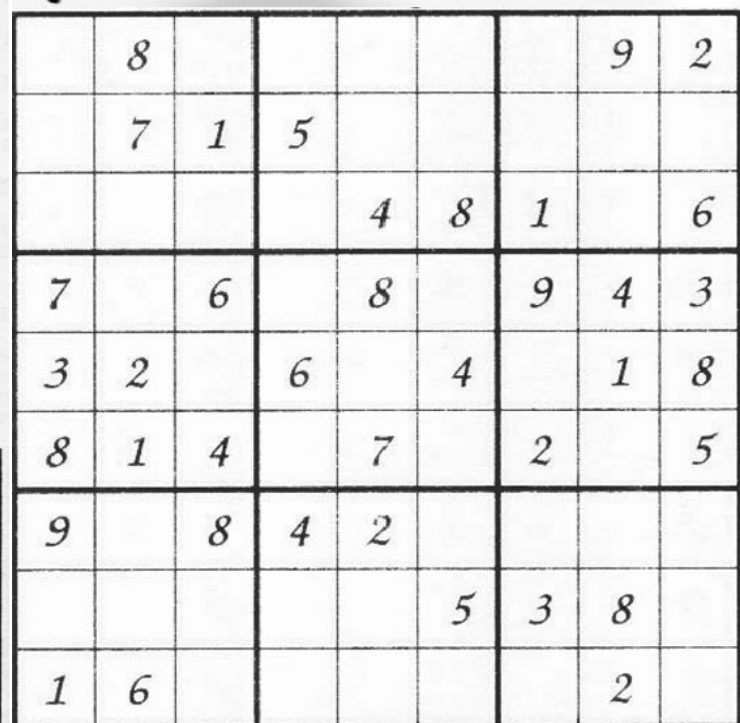
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Finance

Fitch cuts rating of five eurozone countries

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Rating agency Fitch cut its ratings of five eurozone countries including Italy and Spain and lowered its outlook on Ireland, citing their poor finances and vulnerability to sharp turns in market sentiment.

Fitch dealt full downgrades to Italy, Spain, Belgium, Slovenia and Cyprus, and cut its outlook on Ireland, saying the "near-term economic outlook highlight(s) the greater vulnerability to monetary as

well as financing shocks faced by these sovereign governments."

Italy, Spain and Slovenia all were cut by two notches, with Fitch citing Italy faced too-slow growth against its rising debt and Spain faced "a significantly worsened fiscal and economic outlook."

Fitch said it had weighed "the marked deterioration in the economic outlook" in the eurozone against successful efforts by the European Central

Bank to ease the pressure on fiscally troubled governments and commercial banks.

"Nonetheless, the intensification of the eurozone crisis in the latter half of last year undermined the effectiveness of ECB monetary policy and highlighted the financing risks faced by eurozone sovereign governments in the absence of a credible financial firewall against contagion and self-fulfilling liquidity crises."

ECB chief, Geithner fuel hopes of taming eurozone crisis

DAVOS (AFP) - European Central Bank president Mario Draghi said yesterday the eurozone had made "outstanding" progress towards resolving its debt crisis as hopes grew for an imminent deal on Greece's debt burden.

US Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner also praised Europe's efforts to turn the corner, saying recent moves had bolstered the single currency's credibility.

Speaking at the Davos forum, Draghi said many of the fundamentals which sparked the financial crisis four years ago had now been addressed although he urged governments to act faster to put their battleplans into action.

"The amount of progress is outstanding," said Draghi. "If you compare today with even five months ago, the eurozone area is another world."

Draghi said that the fiscal compact most European states are negotiating is crucial to efforts to resolve the crisis, praising governments' willingness to give up sovereignty. The compact will be discussed at an EU summit on Monday.

Draghi said a lack of regulation was one of the main causes of the crisis, as well as underlying flaws in the banking sector.

"The time that has elapsed since then has seen an extraordinary development in the regulatory policy design.

Much has been discussed and put on paper," he said, adding that there had been "relatively less policy implementation".

Draghi's optimistic assessment came after EU economic affairs commissioner Olli Rehn said the Greek debt agreement may be hammered out before Monday's summit.

"We're very close," he told Davos. "They're about to close a deal, if not today maybe over the weekend, preferably in January rather than February."

The Greek government is locked in talks with private creditors on a voluntary exchange of bonds that would wipe 100 billion euros (\$130 billion) off the country's debt of 350 billion euros.

The deal under discussion in Athens would see private creditors take a "haircut" of at least 50 percent on 200 billion euros in debt. Previous talks stalled over the amount of interest to be paid on the remaining debt.

Any failure to strike a deal could trigger a messy default, which would be an economic disaster for Greece itself and a threat to banks holding too much sovereign debt while piling pressure on other eurozone states.

Shell resumes Nigeria production after trunkline repairs

LAGOS (AFP) - Anglo-Dutch oil giant Shell said yesterday it had resumed oil production following the repair of a trunkline in the south, which was reportedly sabotaged last month, a company spokesman said.

"We finished repairs on Nembe Creek Trunkline on January 22 and production resumed on January 23," Precious Okolobo told AFP.

The December 24 alleged

sabotage forced the the company to declare a "force majeure" which freed it over failure to meet contractual obligations.

The Anglo-Dutch firm previously said it shut down production on December 24 after thieves attacked the Nembe creek pipeline in southern Nigeria to siphon crude, leading to 70,000 barrels per day in lost production.

US launches inquiry into 'subprime' mortgage debacle

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The Obama administration announced yesterday a new inquiry to investigate fraud in the mortgage-backed securities market, whose billion-dollar implosion helped trigger the global financial crisis.

Attorney General Eric Holder will head the working group of 55 lawyers, investigators and analysts from the Justice Department and other federal and state agencies tasked with uncovering wrongdoing in the "sub-prime" mortgage-backed securities market and zeroing in on those responsible.

"By bringing our government's full enforcement re-

sources to bear, I have no doubt that we will improve our ability to recover losses, to prevent fraud, to bring abuses to light, and to hold those who violate the law accountable," Holder said. "That's what the challenge before us demands, and that's what the American people deserve."

Holder, who spoke just three days after President Obama called for prosecution of wrongdoers in the financial meltdown in his State of the Union address, also stressed the new effort "will improve our ability to ensure justice for victims and help restore faith in our financial markets and institutions."

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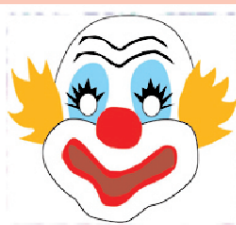
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Thursday, January 26: * *Tumberito (Children's Tumba Contest)* - Aruba Entertainment Center - 7 p.m.

Friday, January 27: * *Mrs. Carnival Queen Election* - Entertainment Center - 8 p.m.

Saturday, January 28 - * *Tumba Contest Aruba* - Entertainment Center - 7 p.m.

Sunday, January 29 - * *Youth Parade* - Oranjestad - 1 p.m.

* *Flip Flop Carnaval Beach Party* - Moomba Beach - 4 p.m.

Voyage to heart of Islam opens at British Museum



The holy city of Mecca Saudi Arabia is considered the center of the Islamic world, and it is the birthplace of the prophet Muhammad.

LONDON (AFP) - It is a rite that all followers of Islam are supposed to perform at least once in a lifetime, yet for the rest of the globe the hajj is veiled in mystery.

Now the British Museum in London has opened the first ever major exhibition on the pilgrimage, to give non-Muslims a glimpse of the heart of this world religion.

It has taken three years and deals with museums around the world to bring together the exhibition.

The show uses priceless artefacts, video footage, personal audio recordings and photographs to explore the history, journeys and experiences of millions of pilgrims who travel from around the world to reach the holy city of Mecca every year.

The hajj is one of the five pillars of Islam and must be performed at least once in a lifetime by all those who are able to. It takes place during the last month of the Islamic year known as Dhu'l Hijja.

For centuries the hajj was an epic undertaking involving weeks of travel on foot or on the back of a camel, in convoys across mountains and deserts; or months at sea across the Indian Ocean at risk from shipwreck or pirates.

Among the artefacts on display is a "Mahmal", one of the ceremonial curtained transports in which the Sultans were carried from Cairo to Mecca in what is now Saudi Arabia, and a Koran from the

eight century.

Also on show is "Milestone", one of the stone slabs once used by pilgrims in Iraq to mark their route to Mecca, so they could find their way home.

In a modern touch, "Magnetism", a minimalist piece of art by Saudi artist Ahmed Mater, uses iron filings to depict pilgrims circling around the Kaaba, the sacred cube-shaped building in Mecca.

Muslims believe the Kaaba was built by Abraham and his son Ishmael.

The show also features the experiences of several western travellers who succeeded in entering Mecca, whether in disguise like British explorer Richard Burton in 1853, who wrote a book about his experiences, or legitimately like Scottish noblewoman Evelyn Cobbold, who adopted Islam, and visited in 1933.

The Hajj exhibition is the third by the British Museum in a series of sacred spiritual journeys that included "Treasures of Heaven" and "Book of the Dead", and is intended to improve understanding of the pilgrimage and Islam itself.

Many of the artefacts were donated by Nasser Khalili, one of the biggest collectors of Islamic art in the world.

"This exhibition is a journey that sends out a religious, spiritual, ritual and cultural message that proves how harmonious Islam is," Khalili told AFP.

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LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Paris, Prince and Blanket made a rare appearance at a ceremony outside the Grauman's Chinese Theatre, where the hand and footprints of generations of stars are recorded in cement, attracting millions of tourists every year. Jackson's mother Katherine and brothers Tito, Marlon, Jackie also attended the ceremony, preceded by an hour-long tribute show, along with comedian Chris Tucker and legendary music producer Quincy Jones. A section of Hollywood Boulevard was closed off outside the Chinese Theatre for the tribute ceremony, which was broadcast live via Twitter, and watched by a few hundred lucky fans who turned up from before dawn to see the show. The three children helped to stamp prints of a pair of Jackson's shoes, and one of his famous sequined gloves, into the wet-cement like material, before pressing their own handprints into it. When dry the foot and handprints will then be placed in the courtyard of the Chinese Theatre.

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Parents Guide to Skin Protection



It's important to protect your children's skin from the damaging effects of the sun. No matter what they're doing or what time of year it is, if they are outdoors, they need to be protected.

Aruba is one of the places in the world where the sun is the strongest. Located only 12.5 degrees north of the equator, the sun shines with maximum strength and penetrates the atmosphere with a maximum amount of UV rays. What most people don't know on water and sand, which means that even in the shade you need protection.

Protecting the skin from the sun during childhood and adolescence is important in reducing cancer risks later in life. By building safe sun habits into your family's daily routine, you will make your children understand and get used to being protected against the sun and they will become more

can't see through when held up to light.

•Cover up with Hats. Choose hats that shade your child's face, neck and ears.

•Apply Sunscreen every day on skin that is not protected by clothing or a hat. Choose a sunscreen with a high Sun Protection Factor (SPF) such as Aruba Aloe's Waterproof SPF 30 sunscreen for maximum protection. For babies and children under 2 years old, make sure to use a special sunscreen that gives extra protection for the sensitive skin such as "Waterproof Babies SPF 30" from Aruba Aloe. Remember to reapply after swimming, sweating or toweling dry if you use a sunscreen that is not waterproof.

•Use sunscreen even on



hazy or overcast days.

•Keep an extra bottle of sunscreen in the car.

•Pack a bottle of sunscreen in your child's bag.

•Use Sunglasses that block UV rays and protect the eyes and the surrounding tender skin.

•Play in the Shade. The sun's rays are generally strongest from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. If your children are outdoors, make sure their skin is protected.

•Teach your children the shadow rule. When outside, if your shadow is shorter than you are, it means that the sun is high in the sky and the UV rays are most intense.

•Protect children younger than 6 months of age with clothing and keep them in the shade.

For more advice on how to best protect your and your children's skin against the sun, please call Aruba Aloe: 588-3222 or visit the website www.ArubaAloe.com

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aware of the harmful effects it can have to their skin. Parents should take the lead by giving the good example; children will respond better when they see their parents protecting their skin as well.

Important recommendations:

•Wear protective clothing when out in the sun. Choose shirts and slacks made of tightly woven fabrics that you

SPORTS

Golf: Olesen leads but Woods, McIlroy primed



ABU DHABI (AFP) - Danish prospect Thorbjorn Olesen outshone the big guns to lead at the halfway stage of the Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship here Friday, but Tiger Woods and Rory McIlroy are poised to strike.

The 22-year-old Manchester United fan added a five under 67 to his opening round of 70 and at one stage led the field by three strokes before a closing bogey pinned him back.

Gareth Maybin of Northern Ireland and Matteo Manassero of Italy were a stroke back in second place at six under with top draws Woods and McIlroy in a group of seven players on five under.

The 22-year-old Ulsterman would have retained the joint lead he held after the first day but for a two-stroke penalty incurred at the ninth hole for brushing sand from his line, while his ball was still in the

rough and not yet on the putting surface.

Olesen enjoyed an outstanding rookie year in 2011 with runner-up finishes in South Africa and at the Italian and French Opens which left him at 48th in the Race to Dubai rankings.

"There are so many good guys in this event, it's tough," he said.

"If Tiger (Woods) plays well he's unbeatable I think. But I just try to play my own game and try to be up there on Sunday."

Hot on his heels, Woods was playing well - striking the ball cleanly as he did on Thursday and this time getting some putts to fall.

He had five birdies against two bogeys in his 69, which left him on five under - just two strokes off the lead.

The 36-year-old American has been the focus of attention once again here this week as he lights the fuse on a campaign that he hopes will see him return to the forefront and possibly add to his majors haul of 14.

A win could propel him back into the world top 10, but the main objective he has is to win a 15th Grand Slam title at Augusta National in early April.

"I'm only two back. It's a bunched leaderboard. So many guys have a chance to win. Just got to keep plugging along and doing what I am doing," he said.

Playing alongside Woods and world number one Luke Donald, McIlroy for the second day running blew hot and cold.

He had five birdies to go with the seven he had on Thursday but spoiled them with two double bogeys and a

bogey for a round of level par 72 that left him on five under.

"My ball was just maybe six feet off the green and there was a lot of sand in between my ball and the hole," said McIlroy of his brush with the law at the ninth.

"I just brushed the sand and Luke (Donald) was like 'I don't think you can brush sand off the fringe'. And I'm like - Oh yeah, you're right - just one of those things."

Donald, like Woods and McIlroy starting his season here, kept plugging away and stayed in contention with a 72 that left him at one under.

Also making moves on Friday were playing partners Sergio Garcia of Spain, Masters champion Charl Schwartzel of South Africa and Ireland's former British Open and USPGA champion Padraig Harrington.

All three finished the day on four under 140, three shots off the lead with Garcia and Harrington shooting 69s and Schwartzel a 70.

"At this stage of the season, everything is looking pretty rosy, but it always is at the start of the year," Harrington said.

"You are always optimistic that everything is going to fall into place and I do believe that I've seen some good signs."

World number two Lee Westwood stayed in touch despite a painful neck with a battling 72 for level par, but it was a disappointing day for Martin Kaymer, seeking a rare hat-trick of wins here in Abu Dhabi.

The German world number four struggled to a five over 77 on Thursday and he was little better on Friday coming in with a 73 to stand at six over for the tournament well outside the cut.



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Fergie calls for calm on eve of Cup clash



Liverpool striker Luis Suarez has been banned for 8 games and fined £40,000 for racially abusing Patrice Evra - file photo

MANCHESTER (AFP) - Sir Alex Ferguson renewed his pleas for calm on Friday ahead of Manchester United's FA Cup fourth round clash with Liverpool.

The northwest rivals collide at Anfield today in the first meeting between the teams since the racism furore between Luis Suarez and United fullback Patrice Evra which ended with Suarez being banned for eight

matches.

While the Suarez saga has added another layer of animosity to a rivalry that is already one of the most bitter in English football, Ferguson has called for cool heads to prevail today.

"As (Liverpool captain) Steven Gerrard said yesterday, there is a responsibility on the players to behave properly and also both sets of fans," Ferguson said.

"We want to make sure we are talking about the game, nothing else."

Ferguson refused to confirm whether he would pick Evra for the clash, although it is highly unlikely the in-form Frenchman would be omitted from such a high-profile game despite the likelihood of him facing relentless abuse.

"I am not getting involved in that," said Ferguson, who earlier this week wrote to United ticket holders to urge them to be on their best behaviour. "It is a massive game for both clubs. There is a tremendous profile on it," Ferguson said.

Liverpool manager Kenny Dalglish, who had repeatedly protested Suarez's innocence even after the FA judgement, echoed Ferguson's comments.

"We want to concentrate on going out and playing football and any other sideshow is purely that, it is just a sideshow," Dalglish said.

Ferguson meanwhile declined to comment on reports early Friday that Portugal winger Nani faced two months out with a foot injury or that Wayne Rooney was struggling to be fit for the game.

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Novak Djokovic of Serbia celebrates after victory in his semi-final men's singles match against Andy Murray of Britain

It left the Scot needing to hold serve to stay in the match but he slipped to 15-40, and a forehand on the stretch into the net saw Djokovic over the line and into the final.

"It was one of the best matches I've played, but emotionally and mentally it was hard," Djokovic said. "I felt like we were breaking each other's serves easier than serving it out."

The start of the match gave no clue as to the drama to follow, with Djokovic breaking Murray twice to seal the first set and forcing an early break in the second as the Scot struggled to gain a foothold.

But in a statement of intent Murray, an Australian Open finalist in 2010 and 2011, produced a leaping overhead at the start of game four and stepped up a gear, levelling the set at 2-2.

It proved a turning point as the fired-up Scot found his best form, holding easily and then breaking again before taking the second set.

The British number one stayed in charge in a gruelling third set lasting 88 minutes, nearly the same as a football

match, as he dictated the points with the Serb struggling to hold serve.

Murray saved three set points on his serve and then dominated the tie-break to move ahead.

But just when the top seed

looked in real trouble, there was a momentum shift, with Djokovic racing into a 4-0 lead in the fourth set with two breaks, taking it 6-1 to set up the dramatic decider.

The match lasted 4hr 50min, not far short of the longest ever played at the Australian Open, the 2009 semi-final between Rafael Nadal and Fernando Verdasco, which lasted 5hr 14min.

Djokovic, who enjoyed one of the greatest seasons in tennis history in 2011, is bidding become just the fifth man to win three consecutive grand slam titles in the open era when he faces Nadal.

"What can be a bigger challenge than playing against Rafael Nadal, one of the greatest players ever," the Wimbledon and US Open champion said. "We're great friends off the court and have lots of respect for each other."

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Tennis: Djokovic beats Murray in five-set thriller

MELBOURNE (AFP) - Defending champion Novak Djokovic saw off brave Andy Murray in five thrilling sets Friday to reach the Australian Open final and stay on course for his third straight major title.

In a marathon match of 4hr 50min, nudging the tournament record, the Serbian top seed stormed back from a set down to win 6-3, 3-6, 6-7 (4/7), 6-1, 7-5 and set up a final with Rafael Nadal on Sunday.

"There's not any words that can describe the feeling I have now," Djokovic said. "Andy deserves the credit to come back into the match after 2-5 down. He was fighting, I was fighting."

Djokovic, 24, now gets a shot at his third Australian Open title while Murray extends his quest for Britain's first male grand slam title in 76 years.

But the Scot took pride in his turnaround from last year's final, in which he was floored

in straight sets by the Serb.

"Tonight's match was important for many reasons," he said. "Obviously I wanted to win first and foremost."

"But also after last year, the year that Novak's had, I think there's a very fine line between being number one in the world and being three or four. I think that gap, tonight I closed it."

The rollercoaster match of long rallies, with 155 unforced errors and 18 service breaks, came down to a gripping fifth set in which Djokovic drew

first blood, breaking in the sixth game to take a 4-2 lead.

But the Scot refused to buckle, thrillingly breaking Djokovic as he served for the match at 5-3 and sending the packed Rod Laver Arena crowd into a frenzy.

Murray levelled at 5-5 with a service hold and then had three break points to move ahead, but he let the crucial opportunity slip through his fingers.

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